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1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 8 THAT AS A RESULT OF PERSONS DROPPED FROM PEN, EXPELLED, ETC. THE NUMBER OF PEN PRISONERS HAS BEEN DIMINISHED TO 1,616. THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PREPARED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY THE COLLEGE OF LAWYERS OF THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES. THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE PROVINCE OF CORDOBA ENDED THE EXPULSION OF CHILDREN MEMBERS OF THE JOHEVAH'S WITNESS SECT FROM THE SCHOOLS OF THE PROVINCE. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A VARIETY OF REPORTS OF REAPPEARANCES. THE FOWG SLOWS DOWN. END INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY.

2. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 8 THAT THE NUMBER OF PEN PRISONERS IS NOW 1,616 AS OF JULY 31, DOWN FROM 1,723 LISTED ON JUNE 28. ONCE AGAIN IT IS NOT POSSIBLE--FOR US AT LEAST--COMPLETELY TO RECONCILE THE TWO SETS OF FIGURES ISSUED BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. THAT MINISTRY'S TABULATION FOR PRISONERS AS OF JULY 31 STATES THAT 52 PERSONS WERE DROPPED FROM THE PEN DURING THE MONTH, TWO WERE EXPELLED, 23 WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, AND 41 WERE PUT UNDER "SUPERVISED LIBERTY"--FOR A TOTAL OF 118 PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO HAVE DIMINISHED THE PEN ROLLS. FIVE PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT WERE ADDED TO THE PEN LIST. SUBTRACTING THE PERSONS WHOSE CONDITION WAS AFFECTED FROM THE JUNE 28 FIGURE OF 1,723 AND ADDING THE FIVE NEW PERSONS PUT UNDER PEN, THE NEW POPULATION UNDER PEN MIGHT BE ASSUMED TO BE 1,620.

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ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW MANY PEOPLE GIVEN SUPERVISED LIBERTY MIGHT IN FACT STILL BE LISHED UNDER THE PEN ROLLS, JUST AS WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE 52 PEOPLE "DROPPED FROM PEN" ACTUALLY GAINED THEIR LIBERTY AS OPPOSED TO PASSING INTO THE "CHARGED" CATEGORY FOR TRIAL BY A CIVILIAN COURT OR, POSSIBLY, A MILITARY "CONSEJO DE GUERRA".

THE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT AS OF JULY 31, 198 PEOPLE HAD PASSED INTO THE "SUPERVISED

LIBERTY" CATEGORY--OUR CALCULATIONS WOULD MAKE THE FIGURE 201. THEN PEOPLE, THE MINISTRY SAID, WERE UNDER HOUSE ARREST--OUR FIGURES WOULD READ 12. SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE HAD BEEN "OPTIONED"--FROM OUR CALCULATIONS WE WOULD READ 736. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SAID THAT 193 PEOPLE HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY--UPDATING AND ADDING THEIR FIGURES WE MAKE IT 194. UNTIL MINISTRY OFFICIALS ANSWER US REGARDING OUR FIRST SERIES OF QUESTIONS BASED UPON HARGUINDEGUY'S JUNE 29 DECLARATIONS (BUENOS AIRES 5450), THESE SMALL MYSTERIES WILL REMAIN. NEVERTHELESS A CONCLUSION HAS TO BE THE PEN LIST ITSELF IS BEING DIMINISHED AT A FAIRLY FAST CLIP.

3. CASES ON THE RECENT MINISTRY LIST OF PARTICULAR INTEREST -----

OF THE 52 PEOPLE DROPPED FROM PEN, ONE WAS A "US INTEREST CASE" QUITO JULIO GERVASONI, AND NINE OTHER PRISONERS WERE LISTED ON EMBASSY CARDS: JUAN CARLOS ASTUDILLO, MARIA AZUCENA COLAZZO DE PAEZ, HECTOR RAMON DUCK, NABEL IRENE FERNANDEZ, ALBERTO LEVI, ANAHIA SILVIA RODRIGUEZ TAPATTA, HECTOR HAZARENO TAPPATTA, DELIO HERALDO SFACIA, AND VIVIANA VIRGINIA VENTURUZZI.

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INTERESTINGLY, THE EMBASSY WAS VISITED ON AUGUST 9 BY MR. GUILLERMO AMILCAR VERGARA, WHOSE NAME DID NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE APPEAR ON ANY PUBLISHED LIST AND YET WHO REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN FREED BUT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE ARGENTINA. (VERGARA MENTIONED THAT WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES TO ASK TO RETURN AS A STUDENT, ONE OF THE TEACHERS, ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE--SIDE--TOLD HIM THAT "YOU ARE LUCKY NOT TO BE DISAPPEARED." VERGARA IS LOOKING FOR WORK AS A GEOLOGIST.)

OF THE 23 PEOPLE AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY UNDER RIGHT OF OPTION, NINE WERE OF INTEREST TO THE US: MARCOS ROBERTO BROCHI MOSCOVICH, CAYETANO DESENA, ALFREDO OSCAR FERNANDEZ, JOSE JULIAN MEDELA, HECTOR OSVALDO MORALES, MIGUEL ANTONIO PEREZ, NESTOR HUGO PRADERIO, OSCAR ARTURO SOMASCO, AND JUAN CARLOS SOSAI AND FIVE PEOPLE FIGURED IN EMBASSY LISTS: LUSI GABRIEL OCANA ELIAS, EDUARDO

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PEREZ, GLADYS SEPULVEDA, JOSE TAMARIT, AND JORGE
HUMBERTO WIN. OF THE PERSONS OPTIONED.

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RECEIVED US RIGHT OF OPTION CERTIFICATES AND
ARE BOUND FOR THE US. (A COLLEAGUE AT THE SWEDISH
EMBASSY TOLD US THAT OF THE 23 PEOPLE OPTIONED,
TEN WERE DESTINED FOR SWEDEN.) OF 41 PERSONS
GIVEN CONTROLLED FREEDOM THREE WERE OF PARTICULAR
US INTEREST (HECTOR LUIS ARAOZ, GUSTAVO ENRIQUE
SERRA AND HUGO EMO TANGENTI) AND SIX OTHERS WERE
LISTED IN EMBASSY FILES: ANTONIO SERAFIN CAMPOS,
RAUL RUBEN CASTRO, RODOLFO ANTONIO GRAF, ALICIA
ANGELICA PRAT MEDALGO, CARLOS ADRIAN RETAMOSA, AND
MIGUEL ANGEL VICARIO. THE NAMES OF THE FIVE
PERSONS PUT UNDER PEN DURING THE MONTH OF JULY AND
TWO TWO PEOPLE EXPELLED WERE NOT PUBLISHED.

4. (U) NEW YORK CITY BAR REPORT ATTACKED -----
THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE
NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION WHO VISITED ARGENTINA
IN APRIL, DREW CRITICISM FROM THE "COLEGIO DE
ABOGADOS DE BUENOS AIRES" LAST WEEK. IN A LETTER
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION,
THE "COLEGIO" CONTENDED THAT THE SOURCES CITED IN
THE REPORT WERE UNRELIABLE SMALL GROUPS WHOSE
MAJOR CONCERN WAS CAUSING AS MUCH DISSENSION AS
POSSIBLE. THE LETTER ACCUSED THE NEW YORK LAWYERS
OF IGNORING THE REASONS WHY THE GOA HAD TO TAKE
SUCH DRASTIC ACTIONS TO BEGIN WITH. (THE COLEGIO
REASONED THAT IN ORDER TO QUELL THE TERRORIST
ELEMENT IN ARGENTINA THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO USE
MEANS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN EXCESSIVE, BUT WHICH
WERE JUSTIFIABLE CONSIDERING THE SITUATION.) IN
FURTHER DEFENSE OF THE GOA, THE "COLEGIO" STATED
THAT IMPORTANT RIGHTS, SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO HABEAS
CORPUS, WERE ALIVE AND WELL IN ARGENTINA.

THE LETTER ALSO ADDRESSED ITSELF TO THE
REPORT'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE LACK OF ACTION ON THE
PART OF ARGENTINA'S LAWYERS. ACCORDING TO THE
"COLEGIO," LAWYERS HERE ARE NOT AFRAID OF REPRISALS
FROM THE GOA, AND THEREFORE FELT FREE TO INFORM
THE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS GUILTY OF OVERSTEPPING
THE LIMITS OF THE CONSTITUTION. THE "COLEGIO"
AFFIRMED THAT THERE WERE MANY LAWYERS WILLING AND
ABLE TO DEFEND UNPOPULAR CASES, AND, FINALLY, THAT
THOSE LAWYERS THE NEW YORK GROUP LISTED AS "DIS-
APPEARED" WERE PROBABLY TERRORISTS THEMSELVES,
AND NOT VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL RETRIBUTION.

5. (U) CORDOBA "WITNESSES" KIDS BACK IN

SCHOOL -----

THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS OF AUGUST 6-8 REPORTED THAT
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES PARENTS HAD PRAISED IN AN OPEN
LETTER A RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOBA PROVINCIAL
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE ENDING THE EXPULSION OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS CHILDREN FROM PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS
BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT SALUTE THE FLAG OR SING THE
NATIONAL ANTHEM, AS A RESULT OF RELIGIOUS PROHIBI-
TION. TWO PARENTS SIGNED THE LETTER AND EXPRESSED
THE HOPE THAT OTHER PROVINCES WOULD FOLLOW SUIT
AND "REESTABLISH THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS."

6. FOWG SLOWDOWN? -----

A JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING
GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

HAS TOLD US THAT THERE MAY NOT BE ANY MORE FOWG
REPLIES ON EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR WHEREABOUTS REPORTS.

WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE

THE EMBASSY WOULD BE ASKED THE NAME OF ANY
"DISTINGUISHED PERSON IN THE US" REQUESTING INFORMA-
TION ABOUT A SPECIFIC CASE. IT HAS BEEN AT LEAST
ONE MONTH SINCE THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A PERIODIC
RESPONSE TO ITS INQUIRIES. AT THIS POINT--WITH
THE FOWG HEAVILY INVOLVED IN PREPARING FOR THE
EARLY SEPTEMBER VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COM-
MISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, WE HAD AS SOON LET THIS
SITUATION RIDE. AT SOME POINT WE WILL, HOWEVER,
HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE FOWG AND REQUEST THAT IT BE

COURSE THE GOA SIMPLY DECLARES, OPENLY THAT "IF
YOU DON'T HAVE INFORMATION BY NOW THERE'S NONE TO
BE HAD." ALTHOUGH THE FOWG HAS NEVER PROVIDED US
WITH INFORMATION WHICH WE DID NOT HAVE ALREADY--IT
HAS NEVER, FOR EXAMPLE, RESOLVED THE MYSTERY OF A
DISAPPEARED PERSON--IT HAS BEEN A USEFUL BODY FOR
FOCUSING THE ATTENTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS AND OFFERING THIS EMBASSY
AND OTHER EMBASSIES A CREDIBLE AGENCY FOR ESTABLISH-
ING THE OFFICIAL GOA LINE ON INQUIRIES WE RECEIVE.
THE FOWG ALSO PROCESSES REQUESTS TO VISIT PRISONERS
REQUESTING RIGHT OF OPTION. IN THIS WE ARE STILL
GETTING GOOD COOPERATION. ENROFF WAS JUST AUTHOR-
IZED LAST WEEK TO VISIT 32 OF THE 77 "PETITIONERS"
PRESENTED TO FOWG ON JULY 13.

7. (U) RMORS OF THE APPEARANCE OF FORMER
DISAPPEARERS -----

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A JOURNALIST WHO REPRESENTS A UNITED STATES PUBLICATION HAS TOLD US OF REPORTS SHE HAS HEARD THAT THE FAMILY OF ERP MEMBER LUIS LOPEZ COMENDADOR HEARD INDIRECTLY (THROUGH LOPEZ COMENDADOR'S GIRLFRIEND--WHO LIVES HERE IN ARGENTINA, WHO WAS TOLD THIS ALLEGEDLY BY A FRIEND OF LUIS) THAT THE YOUNG MAN IS ALIVE AND LIVING IN PARIS AMONG A GROUP OF ARGENTINE EXILES. ANOTHER REPORT IS THAT THE SON OF A LA PLATA DOCTOR RECENTLY TELEPHONED HIS FATHER FROM PARIS ASKING FOR MONEY. THAT YOUNG MAN HAD ALSO BEEN LISTED AMONG THE DISAPPEARED. ACCORDING TO ARGENTINE TELEVISION PERSONALITY MARCOS ZUCKER, HIS SON, A DISAPPEARED MONTONERO, HAS ALSO TURNED UP IN PARIS. ZUCKER MENTIONED THIS TO A LA PRENSA REPORTER AND ALLUDED TO THE SITUATION DURING HIS TELEVISION SHOW.

8. (U) CAPUTO FREED--GRANDE PROBABLY WILL BE -----
 LATE NEWS: RIOBO CAPUTO WAS ACQUITTED AND FREED LATE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6-10, AND IT IS ASSUMED JOSE EMILIO GRANDE WILL SHORTLY BE ALSO. THE CAPUTO-GRANDE CASES WERE MAJOR PRESS EVENTS.

THE TWO JOURNALISTS WERE ARRESTED AFTER AN ARTICLE ON MONTONERO MARIO FIRMENICH APPEARED IN THEIR NEWSPAPERS. THE ARTICLES IN QUESTION REPORTED STATEMENTS FIRMENICH MADE IN NICARAGUA CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF A MONTONERO OFFENSIVE IN ARGENTINA. EVEN THOUGH SIMILAR ARTICLES WERE CARRIED BY NEWSPAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, ONLY RIOBO CAPUTO, EDITOR OF EL LITORAL OF SANTA FE, AND JOSE EMILIO GRANDE, EDITOR OF LA OPINION OF RAFAELA, WERE ARRESTED. IRENAUD ACTIS, DIRECTOR OF LA OPINION HAD BEEN DETAINED ON JULY 30, BUT WAS RELEASED THE NEXT DAY WHEN GRANDE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THE ARTICLE.) IN THEIR APPEALS COURT DECISION THREE JUDGES AFFIRMED THAT CAPUTO "HAD LIMITED HIS ACTION TO PUBLISHING INFORMATION WITHOUT COMMENT... PURELY FOR INFORMATION'S SAKE.)

8. (U) MORE ON THE DISAPPEARED CHILDREN: THE ZAFFARONI CASE -----
 ENCOURAGED BY THE APPEARANCE OF AMOTOLE AND EVA LUCIA GRISONAS (REFFEL) URUGUAYAN JULIO ROBERTO ZAFFARONI AND HIS WIFE WERE REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO HAVE ARRIVED LAST TUESDAY IN SANTIAGO IN SEARCH OF THEIR DISAPPEARED GRANDDAUGHTER MARIANA ZAFFARONI ISLAS. MARIANA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED WHEN HER PARENTS WERE DETAINED BY A GROUP OF PEOPLE BELIEVED TO BE SECURITY OFFICIALS FROM

THEIR VICENTE LOPEZ SUBURBAN RESIDENCE OUT FROM BUENOS AIRES ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1976. THE ELDER MR. ZAFFARONI SAYS THAT HE HAS NO FURTHER NEWS OF HIS SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

9. (U) COMMEMORATIVE MASS SCHEDULED -----
 MONSIGNOR JORGE NOVAK, BISHOP OF QUILMES, ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD SAY A SPECIAL MASS AT 3:30 PM ON THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 12 FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FAMILIES OF THE DETAINED AND THE DISAPPEARED. CO-SPONSOR OF THE MASS IS THE DIOCESE'S "COMMISSION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE" UNLIKE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF HIS CLERICAL COLLEAGUES, MONSIGNOR NOVAK TOOK AN EARLY INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS AND CONTINUES AS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT.

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10. (U) LA NACION PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 9 A NEWS ITEM FROM THE UNITED STATES STATING THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL TAKE UP AT ITS AUGUST 28-22 ANNUAL CONVENTION IN HOUSTON A PROPOSAL OF ITS MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER SUGGESTING THAT THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES PUT AN END TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARGENTINA. THE MASSACHUSETTS GROUP'S SUGGESTION, ACCORDING TO LA NACION, UNDERLINES THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH AMERICA AND ESPECIALLY THE SOUTHERN CONE. ITS PARTICULAR TARGETS ARE THE HUMPHREY-KENNEDY AMENDMENT AND EXIMBANK REGULATION WHICH AFFECTS ARGENTINA.

11. (U) THE LAWYER DEFENDING RETIRED GENERAL MIGUEL ANGEL INIGUEZ HAS REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ASK FOR THE EXTRADITION OF TERRORIST LEADER MARIO FIRMENICH FROM NICARAGUA. INIGUEZ IS A FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE WHO ORDERED FIRMENICH'S RELEASE HOURS AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED IN FEBRUARY OF 1974 FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

12. (U) MORE PREPARATIONS FOR THE IACHR -----
 MINISTER OF INTERIOR HARGUINDEGUY TOLD THE PRESS AUGUST 9 THAT HE HAD TALKED THAT DAY WITH PRESIDENT VIDELA ABOUT THE APPROACHING VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HE WENT ON THE ADD THAT AN INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION WILL IN THE FUTURE MEET TWICE A WEEK (RATHER THAN ONCE) TO PLAN THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S VISIT. HARGUINDEGUY ALSO TOUCHED UPON JOINT PLANNING BY THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERIOR TO RECEIVE SOUTH EAST ASIAN REFUGEES.

13. (U) PARAGUAYANS MISSING SINCE 76-77 SOUGHT -----
 THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 3 THAT FOUR RADICAL-LIBERAL PARTY DEPUTIES FROM PARAGUAY RECENTLY WROTE TO THE ARGENTINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR DENOUNCING THE DISAPPEARANCE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND FEBRUARY 1977 OF FIVE PARAGUAYANS LIVING IN ARGENTINA. THE PARAGUAYANS LISTED WERE JOSEFINA KEIN, AGOSTIN GOIBORU, ESTER BALLESTRINO DE CAREAGA, IGNACIO SAMANIECO, AND FEDERICO JORGE TATTER--ALL

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LISTED IN EMBASSY FILES. MRS. CAREAGA, WHO DIS-
APPEARED IN DECEMBER OF 1977 DURING THE SAME
INCIDENTS WHICH MARKED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO
FRENCH NUNS, IS PERHAPS THE BEST KNOWN OF THE
CASES.

14. (U) THREE FORMER MAYORS OF THE SMALL SUBURBAN
CITY OF LANUS PLUS A VARIETY OF FORMER PUBLIC
OFFICIALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HAVE RECENTLY
MADE A FORMAL APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR NEWS OF
SOME 100 PEOPLE DISAPPEARED FROM THAT AREA DURING
THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

15. (U) DECREE PUBLISHED REGARDING DISAPPEAREDS'
LIST CONFISCATION-----

THE FBI DECREE AUTHORIZING CONFISCATION OF THE
LIST OF DISAPPEAREDS COMPILED BY THE PERMANENT
ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, THE LEAGUE FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS WAS PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 7 IN LA PRENSA.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER: "AN ANALYSIS (OF THE
DOCUMENT) REVEALS CONTENTS DESTINED TO CREATE A
STATE OF INSECURITY IN PUBLIC OPINION, MAKING
CLAIMS REGARDING CERTAIN PRESUMPTIONS THAT ATTEMPT
TO IMPUTE UNACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES TO THE PUBLIC
FORCES. (ALSO) THAT GRAVE IMPRECISIONS, INEXACTI-
TUDES AND INDIRECT ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE PUBLIC
FORCE WITHOUT INDIVIDUALIZING RESPONSIBILITY
WITHOUT A DOUBT CONTRIBUTE TO MAINTAIN, AGGRAVATE,
OR EXPAND THE CAUSES WHICH NECESSITATED DECLARATION
OF THE STATE OF SIEGE."

16. (U) MILITARY COURT SENTENCE PUBLICIZED -----
EDUARDO JUAN DEANIEL PORTA WAS GIVEN AN INDEFINITE
PRISON SENTENCE AS THE PRISON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
MURDER OF CORPORAL JORGE ANTONIO BULACIOS IN
AUGUST OF 1976. THE TEXT OF THE MILITARY COURT'S
JUDGMENT STATES THAT THE CONDEMNED PERSON, ALTHOUGH
HE WAS NOT THE MATERIAL AUTHOR OF THE CRIME, WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS PLANNING AND APPROVAL--AN
ATTACK MADE UPON A MILITARY VEHICLE WHICH THE
CORPORAL WAS DRIVING. PORTA WAS ALSO ACCUSED OF
HAVING ORDERED THE INDISCRIMINATE ASSASSINATION OF
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND OF AUTHORIZING YET
ANOTHER MURDER IN WHICH A TERRORIST CALLED ANA
MARIA MOHADAD PARTICIPATED. EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW
THAT MOHADAD IS ALSO AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CORDOBA
MILITARY COURT, BUT NO NEWS HAS BEEN GIVEN ABOUT
HER SENTENCING. MOHADAD, ALSO ACCORDING TO
EMBASSY RECORDS, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED RIGHT OF

OPTION CERTIFICATES FROM NORWAY, SWITZERLAND AND
AUSTRALIA.) PORTA WAS A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION
CALLED "WORKERS' POWER."

17. (U) SUBVERSIVE SENTENCED -----
THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS CARRIED STORIES DURING THE
PAST WEEK OF THE SENTENCING OF LINO HECTOR VILCHE,
A 23 YEAR OLD ARGENTINE ARRESTED DECEMBER 4, 1974,
TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON AND PERMANENT LOSS OF
CIVIL RIGHTS. VILCHE WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF
POSSESSION OF ARMS AND EXTREMIST LITERATURE, AND
ALSO CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ASSOCIATION. EMBASSY HR
FILES DO NOT CONTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON VILCHE.

18. (U) JAIL CONDITIONS DEMOUNCED -----
FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO MONTHS RELATIVES OF
PEOPLE HELD IN JAIL HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT CONDITIONS.
ONE ORGANIZATION, "RELATIVES OF THE DISAPPEARED
AND DETAINED FOR POLITICAL REASONS," SAYS THAT AN
ANNOUNCEMENT CALLING FOR MOVEMENT IN CONDITIONS
IN THE JAILS HAS BEEN REJECTED BY NEWSPAPERS IN
THE FEDERAL CAPITAL EVEN THOUGH THE ORGANIZATION
HAS OFFERED TO PAY FOR SPACE. IN A LETTER TO THE
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, THE ORGANIZATION HAS COMPLAINED
AGAIN OF BRUTALITY AS PRISONERS ARE TRANSFERRED
FROM ONE JAIL TO ANOTHER AND OF "SUBHUMAN CONDITIONS"
IN THE JAILS THEMSELVES.
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